Aurora Cultural Centre

AGENDA
Board of Directors Meeting #7 2022
6:30 pm
ZOOM

Wednesday September 14th, 2022 **Eric Acker, Chair**

Join Zoom Meeting
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1 (1 min)	Agenda **MOTION** to Approve the Agenda	Eric Acker
2 (1 min)	Previous Minutes **MOTION** to Approve Minutes of previous meetings on July 13, 2022	Eric Acker
3 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest**	ALL
4 (20 min)	**In camera Board discussion**	ALL
5 (10 min)	**2022-2023 DRAFT Strategic Planning**	Eric Acker
6 (5 min)	**Facility Task Force** Report from the Task Force **MOTION** to Receive the Facility Task Force Report	Craig Mather

7 (60 min)	**Finance & Audit Committee**
	• Interim Statements to June 30, 2022
	• Report on Q2 Activity
	• DRAFT 2023-2026 Budget
	  • Updates from meetings with Town Staff
	  • Budget Assumptions
	
	MOTION to Approve the Interim Financial Statements to June 30, 2022
	
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		Laura Hostick
		
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	for the 3 months ended June 30, 2022 (the Q2 Report) and to approve the filing of the Q2 Report with the Town of Aurora as per the Provision of Cultural Services Agreement. **MOTION** to Approve the 2023-2026 Budget and submit the Town of Aurora requests for the 2023-2026 annual contributions **MOTION** to Accept the Finance & Audit Committee Report	
8 (10 min)	**Executive Director Report** • Monthly Report • Quarterly Compliance and Complaints reports • CAPF Application • Report on Q2 Activity **MOTION** to Approve the Managerial Commentary for Q2 2022, AND that Q2 Commentary be sent to Town of Aurora, AND that Q2 Commentary be made available for public release. **MOTION** to receive the Q2 Compliance report from management **MOTION** to receive the Q2 Complaints report from management **MOTION**: To authorize submission of a 3-year grant to the Canadian Heritage Canada Arts Presentation Fund for the 2023-2026 seasons with Suzanne Haines, Executive Director and Eric Acker, President as signatories on the submission. **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Director Report	Suzanne Haines
9 (10 min)	**Outreach Committee** Report from the committee **MOTION** to receive the Outreach Committee Report	Roger Feng
10 (15 min)	**Governance & Nominating Committee** Report from the committee • D1, D2 and D3 Fundraising Policies updated • F1-F5 policies were reviewed with no changes • Board/Chair mentorship program **MOTION** to approve the Development Policies D1, D2 and D3 as updated. **MOTION** to Receive the Governance & Nominating Committee Report	Parisa Sabat

11 (5 min)	**Development Committee** Report from the committee • KITS4KIDS **MOTION** to Receive the Development Committee Report	Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi
12	**New Business**	ALL
13	**Next Meeting** October 12, 2022 at 7:00pm	
14	**MOTION** to Adjourn Meeting	ALL

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MINUTES
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Attendees: Eric Acker, Edlene Antonio, Andrea Chan, Roger Feng, Cllr Wendy Gaertner, Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi, Laura Hostick, Sharon Kelly, Anita Townsend, Parisa Sabet
Regrets: Cllr Rachel Gilliland, , Damien Chan, John de Faveri,

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2 (1 min)	Previous Minutes **MOTION** to Approve Minutes of previous meetings on July 13, 2022 Moved: Sharon Kelly 2nd: Parisa Sabet CARRIED	Eric Acker
3 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest** • None were raised	ALL
4 (20 min)	**In camera Board discussion** • Result – Andrea Chan will conduct an exit interview	ALL
5 (10 min)	**2022-2023 DRAFT Strategic Planning** • Not ready to vote – will review again at Oct. 12, 2022 meeting	Eric Acker
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Signed,

Andrea Chan, Secretary

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Board of Directors – September 2022
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

July/August 2022

Special Events

2022- 2023 Professional Arts Season Launch

August 4th, 6:00 – 8:00PM

Temporary Gallery at Aurora Town Hall

The Aurora Cultural Centre provided a video presentation on the upcoming 2022-2023 professional arts programming to invited guests, including government representatives and our board and committee members. Gallery Manager Samantha Jones, Performing Arts Producer Kalaisan Kalaichelvan, and Co-Artistic Director of the Great Artist Music Series Bonnie Kraft introduced the upcoming gallery exhibitions, projects, and live performing arts events.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/professional-arts-season-2022-2023/

Live Events Programming

Aurora Pops Up!

This outdoor performing arts festival is designed to revitalize the creative energy of Aurorans by staging a series of short live performances of music and dance in outdoor spaces across the town, open to everyone and free of charge.APU concerts will continue through to September 10th. Here are the performances in July and August.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/aurora-pops-up/

	Dates:	Time:	Organization/Space:	Artist:	Discipline:
1	Sat July 23rd	10:00AM	Aurora Farmer's Market	Sina Bathaie	Santur Player
2	Sat July 23rd	1:00PM	Coconut Village Nails Spa	Sina Bathaie	Santur Player
3	Thurs July 28th	10:00AM	Chartwell Park Place Retirement Residence	Glenn Marais	Singer/Guitarist
4	Sat July 30th	10:00AM	Aurora Farmer's Market	Rebekah and Jurecka Duo	Violin Duo
5	Sat Jul 30th	2:00PM	Thomas Coates Park	Rebekah and Jurecka Duo	Violin Duo
6	Thurs Aug 11th	10:30AM	Chartwell Long Term Care	George St. Kitts	Singer/Band
7	Thurs Aug 11th	1:00 PM	Kingsway Arms Aurora	George St. Kitts	Singer/Band
8	Sat Aug 13th	1:00 PM	Omar's Shoes	Basset	Folk Duo

9	Sat Aug 13th	2:00PM	Hickson Park	Basset	Folk Duo
10	Thurs Aug 18th	2:00 PM	Chartwell Park Place Retirement Residence	Sophie Lukacs	Kora Player
11	Thurs Aug 18th	4:00PM	St. Andrew's Shopping Centre	Sophie Lukacs	Kora Player
12	Sat Aug 20th	10:00AM	Machell's Alley	Freeplay Duo	Vocal Duo
13	Sat Aug 20th	1:00PM	Copland Park	Freeplay Duo	Vocal Duo

Upcoming Live Events
Mark Fewer & John Novacek - In-Person Concert and Digital Livestream
Friday September 16 @ 7:30pm - Trinity Anglican Church

Gallery Program

Backstories: The Researching Artist as Traveller & Interviewer
Andrew Cheddie Sookrah, Solo Artist Exhibition and Sale
In-Person: Wednesday May 11 – Friday July 8, 2022
Online: Friday May 13 – Friday July 15, 2022
Location: Temporary Gallery at Aurora Town Hall
Artist Reception: June 4th, 1-3pm in Temporary Gallery space

Backstories: The Researching Artist as Traveller & Interviewer exhibits paintings, drawings, and sculptures taken from Sookrah's life as both traveller and artist. Recognized for his bright and expressive technique, Sookrah takes us on a journey through rivers, lands, and into the intimate solitaries of his studio during a time of limited movement; The COVID-19 pandemic. Harnessing media as a tool for visual communication, Sookrah presents an internal dialogue that reflects upon his subjects and their deeper societal connections. In observing his work, viewers are privy to an underlying social commentary that is carefully interlaced into the threads of his canvas. https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/backstories/

Backwards and Forwards: Reflections in Porcupine Quills
Vanessa Dion Fletcher, Solo Artist Exhibition
In-Person: Wednesday July 27 – Saturday September 17, 2022
Online: Monday July 25 – Friday September 23, 2022
Location: Temporary Gallery at Aurora Town Hall
Artist Reception: July 30th, 1-3pm in Temporary Gallery space

Vanessa Dion Fletcher is a Lenape and Potawatomi neurodiverse Artist. Her family is from Eelūnaapèewii Lahkèewiitt (displaced from Lenapehoking) and European settlers. She employs porcupine quills, Wampum belts, and menstrual blood, to reveal the complexities of what defines a body physically and culturally. Reflecting on an Indigenous and gendered body with a neurodiverse mind, Dion Fletcher creates art using composite media, primarily working in performance, textiles, and video. https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/backwards-and-forwards/

Art Bytes are an ongoing online video series which accompanies our exhibitions and give viewers an opportunity to deepen their understanding about the art and artists. In August, three videos were created with artist Vanessa Dion Fletcher to accompany her exhibition.

- Installation of Backwards and Forwards – August 3, 2022 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4aiespzDdg
- Porcupine Quills, Onion Skins and Avocado Pits - August 10, 2022 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7lpDX0AUew
- Looking Back to Move Forward – August 18, 2022 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IKFNtAbTa4

Aurora Bell Boxes
Public art installation around Aurora
From August-September 2022, artists from within and around Aurora are taking part in the Aurora Bell Box Murals project. This project is a response to **Call to Action #83** from the Truth & Reconciliation Commission Report: *Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists to undertake collaborative projects and produce works that contribute to the reconciliation process.*

One Indigenous and one non-Indigenous artist have been paired together for each Bell Box Mural. Following an assigned theme, artists will work together to conceptualize, design, and paint a collaborative mural to be enjoyed by our community and future generations to come.

Participating Artists and Themes

Sherlyn Hu	Ren Lonechild	Family Life and Ancestral Traditions
Joaquin Varela	Annwin Manitowabi	Truth and Reconciliation and the Path Forward Together
Atessa Hooshvar	Sharon Rigby	Indigenous History Specific to Aurora/York Region
Kim Egan	Jennifer Messon	The Natural Elements Working Together in Harmony
Jill Sciberras	Ren Lonechild	Language, Stories & Connection to the Land
Yevgenia Casale	Gloria Hope	The Seven Grandfather Teachings
Stacey Kinder	Jennifer Messon	Indigenous Relationship with Nature
Karen Roberts	Sharon Rigby	Stories of Creation
Hope Flynn	Gloria Hope	Meeting Places, Trade Routes and Cultural Connections

<u>Upcoming Gallery programming</u>
#ofhopeandhealing
Tracey Mae Chambers
September 13, 2022 – December 13, 2022
Public Art Installation at Aurora Family Leisure Complex

Together in Spirit: Dialogue in Image
Dazaunggee (Paul) Shilling and Ted Fullerton, Artist Exhibition
Saturday October 1 – Saturday November 19, 2022
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/together-in-spirit-dialogue-in-image/

Education Programs

Summer Camp Classes

Summer camps were incredibly successful. Enrollment was 98% full, with 231/236 possible registrations filled. In the first week, we had a maximum of 18 campers; once we realized we could fit more campers in the classroom, we added an additional 2 campers per week, totaling 20 per program. There were a few campers throughout the summer who were ill, and as such they dropped out, and in most cases, it was difficult to fill these spots mid-week. Camps took place at the CFWI-Aurora Armoury and featured programs for both 4-6 and 7-12 year olds, including both half-day and full-day programs. Parents were very pleased that we re-introduced half-day programming. We had 4 guest artists throughout the summer: Andrew Cheddie Sookrah (exhibiting Gallery artist/clay); Vicky Talwar (mixed media artist/mandalas); Laura Burdi (digital artist); Marissa Magneson (mixed media artist/Cree-Metis Dot Art).

Class	Age Range	Dates	Enrollment
The Wonderful World of Nature and Animals	4 - 6	July 4 - 8	18
The Wonderful World of Nature and Animals	7 – 12	July 4 - 8	17
Artistic Imaginations	4 - 6	July 11 - 15	20
Artistic Imaginations	7 - 12	July 11 - 15	20
Colour Around Us	4 - 6	July 18 - 22	20
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Sculpt It!	4 - 6	July 25 - 29	20
Sculpt It!	7 - 12	July 25 - 29	20
Art Around the World	7 - 12	August 2 - 5	18
Faces & Places	7 - 12	August 8 - 12	19
Art Through the Ages	7 - 12	August 15 - 19	20
Famous Artists & Their Styles	7 - 12	August 22 - 26	20

Parent/guardian feedback survey comments:
Staff was helpful, friendly, attentive, communicative, and fun. Thanks for a great week!

Thanks for organizing such a wonderful art summer camp for kids! My daughter loves it very much and says she will definitely come back next summer! As parents we would love to see some pictures about our kids in the camp if it would be possible in the future! Thanks again! Enjoy your summer!

Kaleidoscope in the Schools (KITS)

We are hopeful to reinvigorate the KITS program in this upcoming 2022/23 school year. Our "blue sky" scenario is to offer the program to Aurora schools, plus underserved schools, - as identified by our school board partners (YCDSB, YRDSB, MonAvenir, Viamonde) - in municipalities north of Aurora, including: Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, Keswick, Pefferlaw, Sutton, as well as Waabgon Gamig First Nation School on Georgina Island. Featured productions include: Njacko Backo (African Voyage), Puzzle Theatre (Bois/Wood), Hogtown Brass (NO FUN ALLOWED!), Little Pear Garden Dance Company (The Tales of Goddesses and a Painter), Bon Debarras (Playing Hooky), and Carousel Players (The Incredible Adventures of Mary Jane Mosquito). We continue to be mindful of factors beyond our control, including potential COVID-19 interference and potential job action amongst educators.

Administration

- Applied to Ontario Presents World Music presenters sponsorship
- I will be applying for the Canada Arts Presentation Grant from Canadian Heritage for a 3-year grant (2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026). This grant application requires a motion from the Board to authorize the application.

Human Resources

- Staff meet bi-weekly via Zoom to check in, build future ACC programming and support programming initiatives.
- Team members continue to work from home unless involved in the delivery of programs. Up to 30% of any department may be onsite at Town Hall.
- Please welcome Nazia Munir, Facility Supervisor to the team.
- Carol Sharp, Administrative and Operational Services Manager returns from leave September 13, 2022

Facilities

- Gallery in person visits continue on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10am – 3pm.
- Fall education classes will be held at Town Hall for all adult programming and weekend children's programming. PA day children's programming will be held at Aurora Armoury. Workshops will be held at Town Hall until the Aurora Town Square Library Rooms are available.
- Town hosted a tour of Aurora Town Square for Board and committee members on August 15th, 2022

Board Activities

Facility Task Force: August 15
Finance & Audit Meeting: August 25, September 8
Development Meeting: August 11, September 7
Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting: August 23
Outreach Committee Meeting: September 7
Orientation of new Board member: August 9

Community Connections/Artistic Events

- Monthly meeting with Director of Community Services
- Presentation to the Rotary Club of Newmarket
- Public Art Master Plan meeting
- Culture Days planning meeting

Respectfully Submitted by

Suzanne Haines
Executive Director